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## The Transformation of a Skeptic

In his book "Letters from a Skeptic" Christian Philosophy professor Greg Boyd shares with readers his correspondence with his atheist father. Although Greg Boyd's heretical open theism comes out in one chapter in his book, the argument for the existence of God that he makes with his father has been very helpful to many doubters. Josh McDowell's book "Evidence that Demands a Verdict" helped me in my late 20s when I was wrestling with all kinds of skepticism related to my long held beliefs about God, the Bible, origins and the meaning of life and the resurrection.

It was at that time that I entertained thoughts and read books and articles that seemed to prove that evolution was true, that God was a man-made concept, and that when we die it's over. These were thoughts that I had kept to myself because I was a youth pastor. It wasn't until I was discipling one of the guys in my youth group, who had similar doubts that I began to dig deeper and pray to God for understanding. Here I found peace and assurance that His special revelation (the Bible) was in fact truth. It's what Henry Blackaby refers to as a "crisis of belief." It was at that point that the doubting departed; doubts about God being creator of everything, that life has a purpose and that life is eternal, that heaven and hell are real, that the Bible is God's Word, that Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Although I've long since been freed from those doubts, my desire to have God reveal deeper truths by His Spirit through investigation of His general revelation (scientific studies) and His special revelation (Biblical studies) continues to grow. It has become my life mission to pray for and help others struggling with doubts to discover the peace of God and the assurance of God through His revelation of TRUTH. God promised the Israelites: "You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart." (Jeremiah 29:13) If you're struggling with similar doubts, begin by committing to seek God with all your heart.

*Pastor Mark*

## Someone You Should Know....

**Charles "Mike" Weaver** was born in San Antonio, Texas. His father was a military pilot with over 33,000 flight hours, so they moved around a lot. As a child he lived in Ohio, Indiana, Georgia, Arizona and Alaska (before it was a state).

Although Mike is currently retired and living in Salem, he has led a very interesting life, working in a variety of fields in many different places. He has been a Sheriff Deputy in Illinois, a Mental Health Counselor in Louisiana, a Museum Curator at the Wedell-Williams Aviation Museum in Patterson, Louisiana, been a pilot for an Evangelistic team out of Georgia, flown Hot Air Balloons and he has served as a Pastor in the United Methodist Denomination in Southern Illinois.

Mike enjoys spending time with his children, grandchildren and many friends. He can often be found enjoying coffee and conversation at the Homestead coffee shop in Salem where he earned a trophy for being there 100 consecutive days! Mike is an avid Bicyclist. Last year he rode 776 miles and the previous year he logged 1800 miles on his bicycle. Admittedly an amazing accomplishment, but Mike feels that his most important interest is the study of God's Word, specifically the Old Testament.

When asked what attracted him to Sun Prairie, Mike states, "Without a doubt, the people!" He enjoys participating in Men's Bible Study on Saturday mornings and he is quick to volunteer where help is needed! I think everyone would agree that Mike Weaver is definitely **Someone You Should Know!**



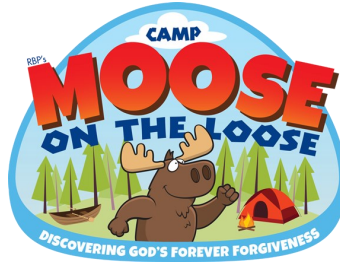
# Vacation Bible School

Ages 4 years-6th Grade

May 28th-June 1st  
5:30-8:00 pm

supper is provided

Register at [sunprairiebaptist.com/upcoming-events](http://sunprairiebaptist.com/upcoming-events)










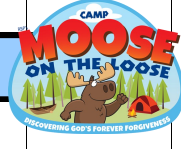
There's still time to join team Sun Prairie! Even if you can't run or walk on May 19th, please consider registering and participating "virtually" on another day. Your t-shirt will be sent directly to you. Invite friends and family to join you. If you are unable to walk or run, you can donate or sponsor someone else to participate. Each registration will provide clean, life-giving water for one child! Go to [worldvision6k.org](http://worldvision6k.org) and search for teams in South Dakota. Team Sun Prairie will pop right up! Everyone can make a difference!

# May Birthdays & Anniversaries

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|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Ron Ecklein         | 22 Aaron Stroud      |
| 1 Jeff Larsen         | 24 Mike Palmquist    |
| 3 Kiahna Bork         | 25 Colton Stiefvater |
| 3 Ben Holland         | 26 Ciana Schwader    |
| 4 Desiree Schock      | 26 John Schwader     |
| 6 Grace Lewis         | 27 Ashtyn Wobig      |
| 6 Brooke Schallenkamp | 28 Robert Hansen     |
| 6 Rachel Schallenkamp | 28 Donna Schweitzer  |
| 9 Hadley Stiefvater   | 28 Maribeth Wollman  |
| 11 Courtney Heumiller | 28 Tim Wollman       |
| 13 Roger Johnson      | 30 Dan Adler         |
| 13 Jared Koch         | 30 Shari Lunders     |
| 14 Madison Stroud     |                      |
| 15 Garry Holland      |                      |
| 15 Danek Olsem        |                      |
| 18 David Hidalgo      |                      |
| 19 Karesse Waldner    |                      |
| 21 Kevin Larsen       |                      |
| 21 Jolene Pulse       |                      |
| 22 Caleb Kinzley      |                      |



## May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 VBS Worker meeting at 7 pm  Deacon Board Meeting at 8 pm	3	4	5 7 am Men's Breakfast and Bible Study 
6 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	7	8	9 Mom's Night Out Movie Night at 6:30 at SPBC 	10	11	12 7 am Men's Breakfast and Bible Study 
13 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Graduate Sunday  Mother's Day 	14	15 Union Gospel Mission at 7:45 pm	16 McCook Central Baccalaureate 	17	18	19 7 am Men's Breakfast and Bible Study 
20 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	21	22	23	24	25	26 7 am Men's Breakfast and Bible Study 
27 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	28	29	30	31		
Vacation Bible School 5:30 ~ 8:00 pm						

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